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Hi-Country Regional Group #28 Meeting Place

The Hi-Country Regional Group meets the first <u>Thursday</u> of each month at 7:30 pm, at the **Saint Michael and All Angels Church**, 1400 South University Boulevard, (Univ & Arkansas, one block north of Florida) Denver, CO 80210.

The parking lot is on the east side of the Church and we enter the community room through the last door on the south side of the building.

Board meetings are also at the Church, on the fourth Thursday of each month.

President's Letter

Well, our March 2024 general meeting was successful in many ways, and as I find myself President at a unique time for our club, many questions and topics were given during the meeting.

We have many long-time members who see the club as a social club with the common enjoyment of sharing the love of antique ford's and mercury's. A problem that has surfaced over the past years of rising prices is the concept of having to pay for "doughnuts" at a seminar. We have a large surplus of dollars so why not set aside some of those dollars into the budget for doughnut pleasure? To enhance the draw for old and new members, we continue to put out the traditional \$1.00 tip jar for refreshments, and the difference is paid by the club. That would stop the nit picking that we hear at seminars and certain functions.

Second, we have this surplus of dollars that we are wasting our time at trying to give away, when we could use the dollars for our own benefit. What satisfaction is obtained by giving money away, when we could subsidize our own social calendar. The monies were the result of many past club functions with the hope that something in the future could be achieved if the need would arise. Harry Lindsay brought up a good "food for thought" statement as to why are we giving money away when we could use it for ourselves. Our dues that we pay was brought about by our need to keep the "Club" afloat in previous years, but a check & balance system in place would still keep the club going for a long period of time. Frugal usage of

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our surplus dollars could be put into place once again!

Would I be the President who ran this club "into the ground" because our savings account was severely reduced? Why are we penny pinching every time a topic comes up where we need supplies, donations, or postage. We should use those surplus dollars and let the account dwindle a little. The board would provide the oversight as to say "enough is enough".

Finally, Bernie Sawin saw the vote that we continue the "Vanderhoof" donation that is set to end in 2027. We should use those surplus dollars to continue that scholarship when the time comes?

While we fidget watching the snow come down waiting for those nice days of driving this Springtime, think about the best ways to keep this social club happy and enjoyable. I certainly enjoy getting together with other club members.

President Jay

February Board Minutes

The February board meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm by President Jay. Also in attendance were Loren Helfenbein, Patti Jantz, Tom Webb and Steve Kennedy taking minutes as Mark was out of town.

Tom talked about For Sale and related advertising in the newsletter. There should not be any non-flathead related ads nor any ads from anyone who is not a club member.

Fred was not in attendance so there was no Treasurer's Report. Lou, Arnel and Fred still need to find time to get together and talk about ways to do some investing for the club.

Tom had a list showing names of many of the Charter Member. The list was dated June 1978; however, the club was formed in 1963. Charter Members that are still members are Sam Benton, Ivan Fiecher, Don Lund, Merrill Newman and Bud Orr.

Seminars: There are no seminars scheduled for March right now. So, the plan is to have a Meet & Greet on Saturday, March 16th for coffee and donuts. One suggestion was for breakfast at the Golden Corral, Hampden and Santa Fe. Another was to meet at Clemet Park, 7306 W Bowles Ave, Littleton, CO 80123, Just east of Wadsworth near Bowels. There is a public restroom there and lots of off-street parking. Another sug-

gestion was the Observatory Park, 2930 E. Illiff Avenue, Denver. Parking would be on the street.

Tours: For the March Tour there is the Tri-State Hot Rod and Kustom show at the National Western Complex. Membership: Everyone is looking forward to the printed roster. Once the roster is out, the Call List will be updated.

Jay gave a check for the Red Rocks Foundation to Tom to give to Bernie Sawin as Bernie always takes it out to Red Rocks to deliver it.

Jay is looking for DVDs by Lorin Sorensen of '36-'37s. Tom said he may have one.

Adjourned 8:10

Steve Kennedy

Backup Secretary

March Monthly Minutes

Date: 03.07.24

President Jay, with a big bang, called the Meeting to order at 7:30.

Vice President: Tom introduced a new trimmer sleeker model of the 250 Club Binders and reminded members about some of the history of

the 250. He then recognized Bernie Sawin for 40 continuous years of 250 club attainment with a beautiful plaque for Bernie's Man Cave.

Treasurer's Report: Fred reported on our finances as of 2/29/2024. We made a little money, spent a little money, and still have some left over. He also updated committee work on potential to use club funds in support of various causes, one being the Ford V8 Club Archives (Benson Ford Research Center). Fred asked club members to contact him with other ideas/





suggestions. Donuts and croissants came up as a suggestion from the floor but Fred worried there could be a hole in that notion.

Secretary's Report: None

Seminars: Tentative Saturday March 16th at the old meeting place (Church) in Englewood, pending City approval. As it turns out the old church was not razed for new development and is now an operating commercial co-op. Donuts will be gratis and sponsored by our fearless and sugar challenged leader, Jay.

Tours: Abe asked for ideas from members on where they would like to go for tours. The April Garage Tour is still a work in progress. May 19th Tour is Wings Over The Rockies.

Colorado Collector Car Council: Jim Nielsen reported February and March meetings. Meals were provided by Specialty Car Insurance. Jim recommended them and they are also a sponsor of our club (Paul Leuenberger). Annual Car Show will be August 3rd, please plan to attend as it's the Council major fundraiser. Jim also put in a plug for Forney Museum and the possibility of having a tour there. All Forney Dust and Shines are filled for 2024. Friend of Cars is raising funds to lobby the state legislature on automotive issues. Gateway Classic Cars is hosting Coffee & Chrome April 27th. Our lobbyist gave a good report that no significant legislation pending with impact to the car hobby. Apparently, he could not guarantee that for any other facet of our lives.

National Club: No report.

New Business: Bernie asked members for approval to continue club sponsorship of Red Rocks Community College Scholarship which was unanimously approved. Next Board Meeting is 03/21/24 at 7:00PM.

Old Business: Donuts keep coming up as a hot topic. Seems we are obsessed with those little things.

Show and Tell: No showing or telling.

Newsletter: Steve asked members to get anything they want included in the newsletter to him by this Friday 3/8/24 as he will be traveling.

Membership Reports: Rosters were distributed, and Deb reported we currently have 128 members. Deb was thanked for all her hard work on membership and the roster.

Remembrances: Patti provided an update on members and member spouses with healthrelated issues. Casey Hayes took another fall. Dana Dillow's (Estep) mother passed away. Steve Carmack is back in rehab. Carol and Carolyn O'Louthlin say Hello. AND Eddie Rockwell and

his son Glen are back in town for a couple weeks. They are replacing the clutch in Eddie's '40.



Wanted or For Sale: Member Jim Terpstra

needs brake work on his 34 Ford pickup. Give him a call if you can help. I would help but brakes aren't working all that well on my 36 so not sure if Jim should rely on me. Jim Nielsen has a Ford Merkur for sale, give him a call if you are interested. Despite rumors to the contrary Jim's shop is not for sale, only the Merkur. I was sitting next to Jim, tried to buy several other cars from his collection and got nowhere. He is a tough negotiator and likes to use the term "no" as one of his tactics.

Program: We watched Ed Gallagher's Video Production "Denver Hot Rods" with nice features on our very own Duane Helms '28 Ford Roadster and Tom Wentworth's 32 5 Window Coupe. That Ed has some mad skills with a video camera.

Meeting Adjourned: 8:52PM

Secretary Mark M.

From the Editor

The newsletter deadline is usually the 18th of the month, but don't wait til the deadline to send stuff in as I start working on the next issue right after each monthly meeting. I need time to put everything together, Jay needs time to proof it and we go back and forth a few times before it is done.

Roster email Corrections

The following email addresses need to be corrected in the 2024 Roster

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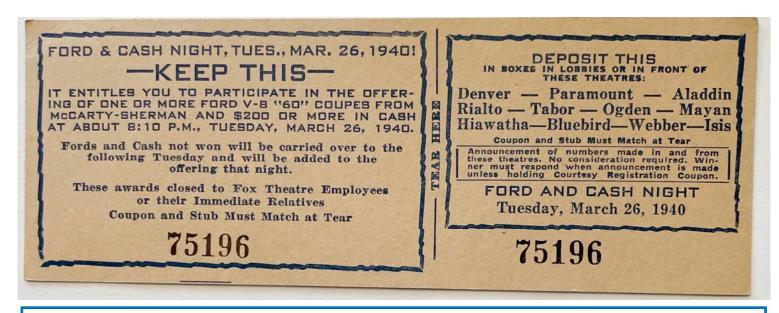
JOKES OF THE MONTH

- 1. Why did the snail paint a big "S" on his car's hood? Because he wanted people to shout, "Look at that S-car go!" when he drove past.
- 2. When Jimi Hendrix was 16, he was in a car crash. Luckily it was just a Fender bender.
- 3. What happens when Kermit the Frog's car breaks down? It gets toad.
- 4. Why is Miss Piggy such a bad driver? Because all she does is hog the road.
- 5. What kind of vehicle does a chicken drive? A coop.
- 6. Why can't motorcycles do push-ups? Because they're always two-tired.
- 7. **Kids, I bought the cat a new car.** *It's a Cat-illac.*
- 8. What type of car does the dog hate? A Cor-Vet.
- 9. If Yoda owned a business, I bet it'd be a... Toy Yoda Dealership.
- 10. Did you know that Teslas come with a unique "new car" smell? They call it "Elon Musk."
- 11. I heard Gordon Ramsey drives a cool car. Must be a Chef-rolet.
- 12. What's got four wheels and flies? A garbage truck.
- 13. I accidentally drove my Subaru Outback into the river. Now it's a Scuba-ru.
- 14. What did the traffic light say to the car? "Turn your head while I'm changing!"
- 15. Uncle Buck lost his left arm and leg in a terrible car accident. He's all right now.
- 16. Where do canines park their cars? In the barking lot.
- 17. My wife said I'd never be able to afford a car by selling Chef Boyardee. You should have seen her expression when I drove pasta.
- 18. What has 10 letters and starts with G-A-S? Automobile.

Borrowed from the Albuquerque Tumbleweed, thanks

MARCH 2024 TUMBLEWEED CLUB OF NEW MEXICO

RG #79, EARLY FORD V-8 CLUB OF AMERICA, PO BOX 21538, ALBUQUERQUE, NM 87154-1538 MEETS FIRST TUESDAY OF THE MONTH, 7:00 P.M., LOCATION TBA



McCarty-Sherman was a Ford Dealer at 775 Santa Fe Drive during the 1920's and 30's and early 1940's In the late '40s they moved to 1700 E. Colfax St. They were on of the first car dealers in Denver to introduce the new post WWII cars.

Donated by Wes Johnson

Canadian Deuce Days

Some years back we were in Victoria, Canada and on our way back, getting loaded onto the Ferry, we were fortunate enough to see lots of 1932" and other Fords.

Steve & Deanie#















1981 Spring Tour, Photos by Harry Lindsay







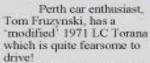
1982 Turkey Trot, Photos by Harry Lindsay





Old Cars in Poland Today © County Motor Australia, Reprinted with permission

by Tom Fruzynski & A John Parker



While teaching English to Polish people in Katowice, Poland, Tom has acquainted himself with the old car scene there. "It's very quiet generally. What with the Communist rule of yore, a rather poor economy and COVID - they have all worked against people owning even an everyday car, let alone a hobby car," Tom explained.

However, a lady friend invited him to go along to a classic car show there in Katowice, "And I was quite surprised myself, apart from the Fiat 126s and 125s, there was quite a good selection of cars including a Fiat 600, a LHD Reliant (similar to the one 'Del Boy' drove in the British comedy series "Only Fools & Horses"), a Model T Ford in a bright yellow colour. The owner told me it was a sporty edition" Tom found out too that Ford had switched to black paint after during the time of the T's conveyor belt production line because it dried the fastest.

"There was a Chevrolet Impala around 1968, Tom said, "also a Mercury Lincoln from the late 70s, and a late 70s Cadillac. Plus a 1979 Lincoln Mk 5 which was the epitome of 70s luxury. What is the difference between a Mercury Lincoln and a Lincoln?" he queried, "They're still divisions of Ford right? My friend Paulina asked me, but I didn't really know the answer."

Tom also spotted an Opel GT, a lowered, early-model VW 'Beetle' and a pre-1968 VW Nd which was a 1967 splitwindow kombi. "And, one car of particular interest, was the locally built 'Polonez' sedan made for the polish people - it's a car not known overseas," Tom added.

The Polonez car was first released in 1978 in Poland. It was 'revolutionary' at

the time because the body was influenced by the 1978 VW Passat, "I say

'revolutionary' in inverted commas because it was basically a Fiat 125 underneath, Tom explained. "The Polonez in the photo is a Polonez from the tail end of the 1980s as it is known as the Polonez

'Akwarium' (meaning 'aquarium' because of the window in the C pillar."

The first Polonez was nicknamed the 'Borewicz,' because at the time there was a Polish James Bond-style TV series called '07 Zglos Sie' So, instead of the agent being 007" Tom continued. "he was 07, with a surname of Borewicz and he drove around in the first series of Polonez cars'

A.John

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Hi-Country V8 Club Scholarship Revisited

Ten years ago, after the passing of club member Dennis Vanderhoof, a donation from his estate gave Hi-Country V8-Club \$2000 a year for 15 years to do as we wished. Many members have come and gone during these years, with new members as well as long-time members not knowing how this all came to be – the scholarship. I thought a little history was in order.

<u>First up – Who was Dennis Vanderhoof?</u>

The following was written by Walt Hume, Dennis' friend and across the street neighbor for over 34 years, when he passed away in 2011.

Former teacher, counselor and coach, Dennis became active in the old car hobby upon his retire-

ment from the Jefferson Co. School System. He was an energetic guy with good business acumen and obtained business ownership in a bike shop, bowling alley and rental properties. As an avid car buff, he enjoyed Fords, Chevys and Chryslers. He owned 3 Model A's, 2 Chevys, 2 Mustangs, a Corvette, English Triumph and 2 1950 Fords. He was an active member of 3 or 4 car clubs as well as a member of the Arvada Historical Society for over 20 years.

The yearly Hi-Country Scholarship:

The process of donation was initiated by input from Hi-Country member Dave McCord, suggesting our club be more engaged in projects which provide a return to the Community. Our 2014 Board of Directors (Harry Lindsay, President) placed this suggestion under review, appointing a team consisting of members: Bernie Sawin, Dennis Blake and Merrill Newman to investigate opportunities within various shop training facilities. Early on the club



Bernie Sawin handing the check to Mark Johnson, Program Coordinator of the RRCC Foundation".

decided we didn't need the money. We've always been a self-supporting group and the student scholar-ship idea came up. Something relating to our old autos & working on them was of major interest. Looking at many vocational auto avenues led to highly technical programs that didn't pertain to club cars and members, Auto body did! Red Rocks C. C. had the only program in Metro Denver! Bernie Arellano spends many hours weekly volunteering and mentoring students enrolled in automotive curriculum at RRCC/Warren Tech, and has for over a decade. He served as an advisor to our appointed scholarship team.

The 2014 Board approved their suggestion and a Hi-Country Regional Group scholarship of \$2,000 yearly, in memory of Dennis Vanderhoof to Red Rocks Community College Foundation, Lakewood, CO. The scholarship will benefit a student enrolled in the "Automotive Collision & Customization" course as determined by the RRCC Scholarship Foundation. Bernie Sawin and Merrill Newman, delivered the first \$2,000 check from then Treasurer, Patti Jantz, to the college on February 12, 2015 for the 2014 – 2015 school year. Merrill and Bernie made this "delivery" to the school until 2018 when Merrill moved to Kansas. Bernie made it to Red Rocks CC now the eleventh time on February 27th. I had to get a photo!

I would like to thank Sasha Vanderhoof, (our honorary member), her neighbor Walt Hume, Merrill, and the Bernie's (Sawin & Arellano) for their input and making the ol' Jefferson County school teacher happy with the direction his gift to us went.

Submitted by: Tom Webb

Ford B-24 in Flight

Photo of the 6000th Ford B-24 in Flight over the Ford Rotunda, Dearborn, Michigan, September 13, 1944. Photo courtesy Allied Warbirds and Pilots of WWII. Photo donated by Roy Lange.



Jim Nielsen has a Ford Merkur for sale, give him a call if you are interested, 303-788-0519W.

1941 Ford Coupe: Engine overhauled several years ago but never installed. Most all the parts are there but in boxes. \$4000 neg. Gary Werner, 303-808-3519, calls only, no text or email.



Wanted/For(D) Sale

Wanted:

- Engine pans (All 37-40 Pass/Comm), LH 91A 6776 RH 91A-6775, (Engine Block to frame)
- Exhaust Pipe (78-5245) 37-39, C/L R EXH to muffler inlet 43.75", (2" OD Pipe)
 Cross Over Pipe 78-5267 (37-41), C/L Exhaust
- Cross Over Pipe 78-5267 (37-41), C/L Exhaust man flange to muffler inlet 19.75", (1 1/2" OD Pipe), 91A - 8157A (39 STD only)
- Chrome center grille (vertical piece) *Tom Webb*, 303-827-5446

For Sale: NEW 9 1/2 inch, 8BA Clutch pressure plate, disc, throw out bearing and piolet bearing. Paid \$225, asking \$125, Steve K, 303-489-3955,



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For Sale: 1940 Ford 4 door sedan, disc brakes, radial tires, leather seats, rebuilt '48 Merc engine, dual exhaust, Folkstone gray, best looking and driving '40 Deluxe sedan in the world, \$25,000 firm!! It is a dandy FORD!!!

Steve Carmack, 303-589-4803, FirehouseSteve@msn.com



Cover Photo

This month's cover photo is by Harry Lindsay, taken at the Thornton-Northglenn high school. Today, it may be Horizon High School. Sometime later, it was changed to Skyview High School. Then finally, it was closed down for good. It was located at 88th & York in Thornton.

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2024 Schedule of Events

Monthly Meetings are held the <u>first Thursday</u> of the month
Seminars are held the <u>first Saturday</u> of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.
Tours are held the <u>third Sunday</u> of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.
Board Meetings are held the <u>4th Thursday</u> of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled

January 4 th , NO Monthly Meeting* 6 th , NO Seminar or Tour in January * 21 st , Installation Banquet * 25 th , Board Meeting 27 th , Polar Bear Swap Meet-Adams Cnty Fairgrounds February 1 st Monthly Meeting * 3 rd Seminar Tri-state Swap Meet * 18 th Tour* 22 nd , Board Meeting
March 7 th , Monthly Meeting * 9th Tour (Tentative)* 9-10 th , Tri-State Hot Rod <u>Car Show</u> 10 th , Daylight Savings Time Begins 16 th Seminar (Tentative)* 21 st , Board Meeting 31 st , Easter
April 4 th , Monthly Meeting (1st Thursday)* 4-7 Denver (New Car) Auto Show, at the Convention Center 6 th , Seminar (Tentative)* 21. st Bob Wilson's Garage Tour* 25 th , Board Meeting
May 2 nd , Monthly Meeting * 4 th , Seminar (Tentative)* 12 th , Mother's Day 19 th , Tour of Wings Over the Rockies (Lowery)* 23 th , Board Meeting 27 th , Memorial Day Car Show at Applebee's on west Colfax & Miller
June 6 th , Monthly Meeting * 8 th , Seminar* 8th, Pre-war Swap Meet, Adams County Fairgrounds 15 th , Drive Your Ford Day Tour* 16 th , Father's Day 17 th to 24 th Central Meet 27 nd , Board Meeting

of the month, unless otherwise rescheduled.
July 4 th , Independence Day 11 th , Monthly Meeting * 13 th , Seminar* 21 st , Tour* 25 th , Board Meeting 30 th , Henry Ford's Birthday
August 1st, Monthly Meeting * 3rd, Rocky Mtn Car & Air Show 10th, Club Auction-Seminar* 18th, Anderson Park Car Picnic (Tour) Abe 22nd, Board Meeting
September 2 nd , Labor Day Car Show at Applebee's on west Colfax & Miller 5 th , Monthly Meeting * 7 th , Seminar* 8 th , All Ford Day (Tour) Abe * 16-24 Eastern Meet 26 th , Board Meeting
October 3 rd Monthly Meeting * 5 th Seminar* 7 th -11 th Hershey Swap Meet 20 th Turkey Trot (tour), Gene & Abe* 24 th Board Meeting 31 st Halloween
November 3 rd Daylight Savings Time Ends 7 th , Monthly Meeting * 9 th , Seminar* 11 th , Veterans Day Ft. Logan (Tour) * 21 st , Board Meeting 28 th , Thanksgiving
December 5 th , Monthly Meeting * 7 th , Seminar, Holiday Party 15 th , No Tour* 19 th Board Meeting 25 th , Christmas 31 st , New Year's Eve

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APRIL Meeting is on the 1st Thusday!!!

April 2024

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